

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

Leslie Wong

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02 April 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,4-14, 16-40, and 46-54 now renumbered as 1-46.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>09/24/2004</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                                 | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance              |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed 24 September 2004, has been received, entered into the record, and considered. See attached form PTO-1449.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Frank J. DeRosa on 08 July 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 1, 3, 15, and 41-45.

In claims 5, 21 and 24, line 1, delete "1 or"

In claims 6, 8-12, 22, 24 and 25, line 1, delete "3 or".

In claims 16-19, line 1, delete "or 15".

In claims 20, 23 and 26-28, line 1, delete "1," and delete "3 or".

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

3. Claims 2, 4-40, and 46-54 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art of record fails to teach a combination of elements including a plurality of parts of the body of law that are **different versions of each other** and have different temporal information as recited in independent claims 2, 4, 50 and 51.

Prior art of record fails to teach a combination of elements including a plurality of atomic parts of the body of law being **different versions of each other** and having different temporal information associated therewith as recited in independent claims 29-31.

Prior art of record fails to teach a combination of elements including at least one heading being associated with a plurality of atomic parts that are **different versions of each other** and have different ranges associated therewith as recited in independent claim 36.

Prior art of record fails to teach a combination of elements including a plurality of the parts being **different versions of each other** and having different temporal information associated therewith as recited in independent claims 46 and 47.

In contrast, Learning Lexis.com, the nearest prior art, teaches variety of sources including case law, statutes, and the world's leading news and business sources. In particular, the Shepard's Citations Service of Lexis-Nexis provides comprehensive citations history and treatment coverage necessary to verify the status of cases. The prior art also cover Federal Case Law, Federal Statutory Materials, the Code of Federal

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Regulations, Federal Rules, U.S. Patents, and Law reviews and periodicals. The prior art lacks the features of a plurality of parts of the body of law that are **different versions of each other** and have different temporal information as specified in Applicant's claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leslie Wong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4120. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9:30am - 6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHARLES RONES can be reached on (571)272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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